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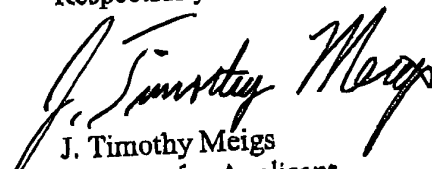
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Dear Examiner Hill,

Attached for filing in Application No. 09/870,203 is a Reply under 37 CFR § 1.111 to the non-final Office Action of January 27, 2003, including an attached reference (Smith et al., 2002) and a request for a two-month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,


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Fiber Proteins**

Confirmation No. 7861

Art Unit: 1648

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

An Extension of Time for two months is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation) in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Novartis Corporation's Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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